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In the news

Moment of silence today at 9:30 a.m.

NEW YORK. Gov. Andrew Cuomo called for a moment of silence across New York state this morning in remembrance of the victims of last Friday's school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., after receiving a letter from Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy asking New York to join in honoring the victims.

● METRO/DT

In the news

**Police search for Bronx robber**

BRONX. Cops are searching for a man wanted after an armed robbery in the Bronx. According to police, around 7:30 a.m. Monday a man entered a business on East 233rd Street, showed a gun and demanded money. He left on foot with the cash. The suspect is described as male, black, thin, wearing a dark-colored hooded jacket, blue jeans, gray sneakers, sunglasses and baseball hat. ● METRO/AB

Marathoners react to running options

► Marathon organization offered three options to canceled runners Thursday ► Some runners say offer too little, too late

Quoted

"If I do decide to accept the guaranteed entry, I can say with certainty that the marathon will be both my next and my last NYRR event, period."

DANNY NATHAN

Fifty days later, would-be marathon runners from this year's New York City Marathon, canceled because of Hurricane Sandy, are finally getting answers — but some aren't satisfied.

In a letter outlining the three "resolution" options, New York Road Runners president and CEO Mary Wittenberg acknowledged that it took the organization seven weeks to come up with a plan.

"Really, it took nearly two months to figure out that you could send me a refund and that your cancellation insurance covers it?" asked runner Danny Nathan, who was signed up for this year's race.

Wittenberg said that

their insurance was only a starting point in the resolution process.

Nathan said he is fed up with NYRR's "obscenely expensive and massively

What are the options?

- 1 Full refund, excluding \$11 processing fee
- 2 Guaranteed entry into one of the next three years' marathons, required to pay entry fees (but at 2012 rates)
- 3 Guaranteed entry to the half-marathon on March 17, 2013, with limited availability

overcrowded" events, and says Wittenberg is to blame.

"I think that Mary Wittenberg has run the organization like a for-profit

corporation," Nathan said. "The only reason I've maintained any involvement with them at all is because I want to run the NYC Marathon, if even just once."

Jerry Adriano was on a flight from Kansas City, Mo., to Newark, N.J., when Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the cancellation.

Adriano agreed that canceling was the right thing to do, but said the decision should have been made and announced earlier.

"That will always sting a little bit from a frustration perspective," Adriano said.



DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

In the news

Man arrested in murder of woman

HAMILTON HEIGHTS.

Police arrested a man after a murder in Manhattan. According to police, Wednesday around 8 a.m., cops responded to a 911 call for help on Saint Nicholas Avenue. When they got there, they said that a 27-year-old and had assaulted a 62-year-old woman. They entered and found Dominick Anderson, 27, who they said "violently" resisted arrest. He was arrested and charged with the murder of Beverly Holmes. ● METRO/AB

**Helicopter was too heavy, report says**

NEW YORK. A helicopter that crashed into the East River last year was too heavy, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. According to the federal investigation, the October 2011 crash, which killed three people, was carrying 3,228 pounds, which is larger than its capacity of 3,200, the AP reported. The helicopter was carrying people taking a sightseeing tour for a birthday celebration. The NTSB will issue an official determination of cause in about two months.

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Mayor warns of impending cold

CITY HALL. Mayor Michael Bloomberg is urging New Yorkers who still don't have heat since Hurricane Sandy to find a warm place to stay for the next three to four days as temperatures plummet as low as 12 degrees Fahrenheit with wind chill. People who are unable to stay with friends or relatives are advised to visit to call 311. ● METRO/DT

News in brief

R train resumes today

UNDERGROUND. The R train is finally running between Brooklyn and Manhattan again, after a month of around-the-clock work to repair damages wrought by superstorm Sandy, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced. The R has operated only between 34th Street and Whitehall Street, as the electrical and signal system in the Montague Tube had to be rebuilt almost entirely.

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"The return of the full-length R route ... will take some of the pressure off of the 65,000 commuters who use this line every day."

CUOMO

Zoo. Monkeys



► Tamarins are New World monkeys, and therefore native to South and Central America.

JULIE LARSEN MAHER

Twins on view at Prospect Park

Tamarin twins have joined the zoo in Prospect Park. According to the Wildlife Conservation Society, two Geoffroy's tamarins have been born and are now on exhibit in the Animal Lifestyles building. The twins are the second set born to their parents. ● METRO

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Mayor extends East River Ferry service

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► The East River Ferry is a popular way to get between the boroughs.

The East River Ferry will be sailing for a few more years — and maybe to a few new stops.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced yesterday that the city will extend the East River Ferry past its three-year pilot program.

The ferry service, which launched in June 2011, has so surpassed expectations that officials asked for requests for proposals for an operator who will keep it going for another five years.

The boats have ferried 1.6 million passengers since starting, Bloomberg said.

Some of those included people who were stranded without other transportation options in the days after Hurricane Sandy, Council Speaker Christine Quinn noted.

"This ferry has not only proved to be a reliable and

Ferry stops

Stops along the East River Ferry route:

- Long Island City
- Greenpoint
- North Williamsburg
- South Williamsburg
- Dumbo
- Governors Island

Brooklyn stops proposed by borough president:

- Brooklyn Navy Yard
- Red Hook
- Sunset Park
- Bay Ridge
- Coney Island
- Floyd Bennett Field
- Sheepshead Bay
- Canarsie

efficient form of transportation in a time of crisis, but New Yorkers also really love taking it the rest of the year," she said.

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz suggested adding stops, tossing out the Brooklyn Navy Yard and Sunset Park as a few options.

He also suggested the fare should equal the MetroCard cost and that riders should be able to use

their MetroCards on the ferry. Right now, one-way ferry fares are \$4.

"Not only is the ferry an efficient and enjoyable way to travel, but no matter which way you're going, one side of the boat always has the best view in New York City, our beautiful Brooklyn waterfront," he added.

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In the news

PATH damage may top \$700M

NEW JERSEY. Costs to repair damage to the New York region's PATH train system from Hurricane Sandy may be more than \$700 million, compared with the earlier estimate of \$300 million, the head of the train's operator said. The Oct. 29 storm caused "tsunami-like conditions" in PATH stations, said Patrick Foye, executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Repairs and upgrades are needed to

"We're talking about restoring tunnels, bridges and train stations." FOYE

stations, tunnels, tracks and bridges, he said. "None of our agencies are talking about a bridge to nowhere," Foye said yesterday at a Senate Banking Committee hearing in Washington. New York City area transit service may have to be cut and U.S. taxpayers may face more costs if Congress skimps on spending for recovery from the storm, the top U.S. transit regulator said at the hearing. **BLOOMBERG**

Court upholds law school suit dismissal

NEW YORK. The dismissal of a lawsuit against New York Law School filed by former students who say the school inflated statistics on graduates' jobs and pay was upheld yesterday by an appeals court. The students sued in August 2011, accusing the school of inflating employment and salary statistics to recruit and retain students. An appeals court in Manhattan said the school's disclosures weren't false or misleading but were "unquestionably incomplete." **BLOOMBERG**

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Guns sold out at Wal-Mart as ammo costs surge on eBay



► Wal-Mart doesn't disclose how many guns it sells, though at an analysts' meeting in October it said gun revenue gained 76 percent in the first half of this fiscal year.

GETTY IMAGES

Wal-Mart guns

Wal-Mart has about 10 modern sporting rifles, the gun industry's term for firearms that look like an M-16 military rifle, listed on its website. The retailer removed a description and picture of the Bushmaster AR-15, which was the model used in Newtown, after the shootings.

With President Barack Obama endorsing sweeping gun restrictions in the wake of the school shootings in Newtown, Conn., prices for handgun magazines are surging on eBay and semi-automatic rifles are sold out at many Wal-Mart locations.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, said Wednesday that it would continue to sell guns, including rifles like the one used at Newtown, where 26 people, most of them children, were killed on Dec. 14. By contrast, Dick's Sporting Goods suspended sales of similar guns at its more than 500 stores.

Searches of five kinds of semi-automatic rifles on Wal-Mart's website

showed them to be out of stock at stores in five states, including Pennsylvania, Kansas and Alabama. Wal-Mart doesn't sell guns online, instead asking customers to input a ZIP code to see if their lo-

cal store carries a specific weapon.

"We remain dedicated to the safe and responsible sale of firearms in areas of the country where they are sold," David Tovar, a spokesman for Wal-Mart, said yesterday.

Another spokesman, Kory Lundberg, said Thursday that the company is sticking by its decision not to change its gun assortment. He declined to comment on gun sales since Newtown. Wal-Mart sells guns in 1,800 of its more than 3,800 U.S. stores, he said. Rifles like the one used in Newtown are available in 1,200 locations and the retailer doesn't sell high-capacity magazines for those guns, he said. **BLOOMBERG**

NRA prepares for push after Newtown shootings

The head of the National Rifle Association will discuss gun control and violence in the United States on a weekend television talk show, as the group mounts its response to the Connecticut school shootings.

NRA Chief Executive Wayne LaPierre will appear on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday, his first interview since the



GETTY IMAGES

► LaPierre

killing of 20 young children and six adults at a school in Newtown, Conn., last Friday.

The show said LaPierre

would talk about gun control and "what he thinks should be done to curb the threat of violence in America" during his appearance.

The group, one of the most powerful lobbying groups in the United States, kept largely quiet in the first days after the Newtown shootings. It broke its silence on Tuesday to say it wanted to contribute meaningfully to prevent another massacre like the Connecticut shooting and would hold a "major" news conference on Friday. **REUTERS**



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MY, OH, MAYAN

If you are reading this, then the world has not ended. The Mayans blew the call as badly as the substitute referees in that Green Bay-Seattle game. At least I think they did. Everyone keeps saying the Mayan calendar predicted the end of time this weekend, but I couldn't find any reference to it on my Mayan calendar, which I have hanging next to my Aztec refrigerator and Incan microwave oven. Maybe that's because I bought the swimsuit edition.

Anyway, I'm not surprised the Mayans missed the mark. For starters, they ran this calendar off at Kinko's about 5,000 years ago, and while I understand they correctly predicted the appearance of the '80s television show "Different Strokes," they failed to foresee Gary Coleman's later financial problems. That alone should have made us suspicious about this whole "end of the world" nonsense.

Beyond that, if the Mayans were so good at seeing things coming, why didn't they find a way to hold onto that vast empire they had a thousand years ago?

"Hey, Huehuetlotl, did you notice that big prediction about the collapse of

Opinion

TOM FOREMAN

**POLITICAL
CORRESPONDENT
FOR CNN**



our civilization? Think we ought to do something?"

"Nah. The world's just going to end anyway."

There are a lot of related predictions of equally dubious authenticity. My favorite is the one about a small French village, where "new agers" think space aliens will emerge from the mountains to

save apocalypse survivors. So presumably, legacy of humanity carried off into the cosmos will have crepes, long lunches and a fascination with Jerry Lewis.

Ah well. Maybe I got the date wrong. Perhaps sometime before next week, the Mayans will prove correct and the heavens will fill with falling, fiery meteorites. The rivers will boil, housing values will decline rapidly once again and no one else will have to sit through that dreadful movie "Anna Karenina," which made the book seem short by comparison.

— CNN's **Tom Foreman** is a regular on "AC360°"/www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."

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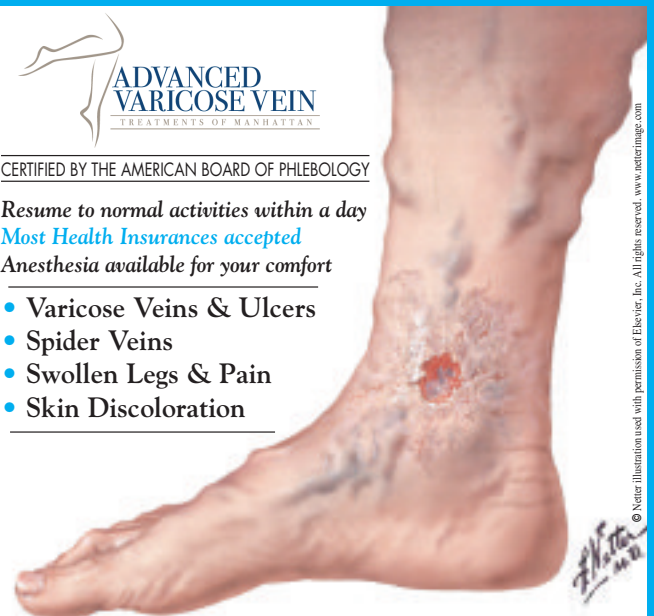
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'Baktun' the future?

► It's unlikely that the world won't exist Monday — not even the Mayan calendar actually suggests such extremes ► Scientists weigh in on how we'll actually go

It was fun while it lasted, but it seems the world is ending. A growing clamor, based on the Mayan calendar, insists that Dec. 21, 2012, marks the death of humanity. Even NASA has received thousands of terrified messages from the public.

But the calendar has been misinterpreted, say the experts, who claim the doomsday refers only to the end of a cycle. The Mayan calendar is split into 394-year "baktuns," and 2013 will see a new era.

"The 13th Baktun will end on Dec. 21, and another will start," says Ines Valera-Silva, a researcher in Mayan studies at Loughborough University, U.K.. "That's all. A catastrophe has never been predicted."

Mayans today have stopped using the old calendar, adds Valera-Silva, who finds the panic strange. "There is no reason to interpret this as a prophecy, but some people are excited by it."

Hollywood movies and social media have driven the debate on exactly how the world will end. One



► Worshippers gather at the Mayan temple of Kukulcan at Chichen Itza, Mexico.

Quoted

"The 13th Baktun will end on Dec. 21, and another will start. That's all."

VALERA-SILVA

Facebook page with 13,000 fans suggests it will come from a space object, but we checked with scientists to get a better idea.

"The biggest threat is a comet impact," says Benny Peiser, catastrophe specialist and founder of climate policy network CCNet. "It

happens every few million years and could happen at any time. Astronomers are scanning the sky for potential risk, and we need to solve the problem for good by developing the technology to deflect asteroids."

More Mayan interpreters believe that a black

hole will open in 2012 and swallow us all. The fear led to widespread criticism of scientists working on the Large Hadron Collider, reportedly capable of producing a black hole.

We may not need cosmic forces to summon armageddon. The number of nuclear nations has grown swiftly and with it, the risk of a "final war."

"It's no secret how to make the weapons, and it's not hard to think of people crazy enough to use them," says Alan Robock, environmental scientist at Rutgers University and author of "Nuclear Winter Revisited." Besides the threat of terrorists, Robock sees a risk in regional feuds between nuclear powers.

The endless possibilities explain the interest in bookmaker William Hill's offer of 1,000,000 to 1 on the world ending. "Some may say it is a bet we can never lose, for the obvious reason that we won't be here to pay out should it happen," spokesman Graham Sharpe says.

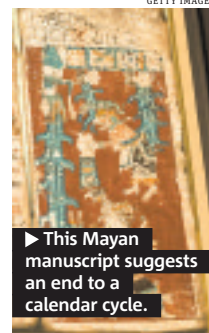


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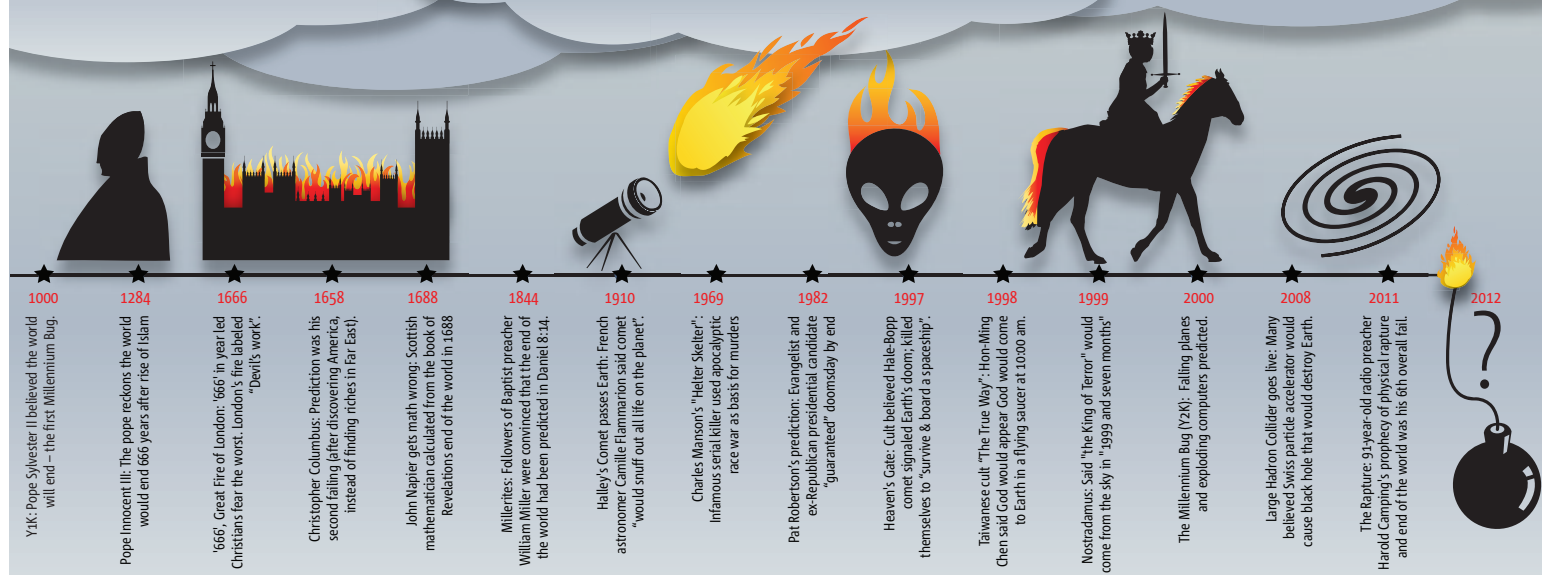
options

- **Comet strike:** Still the most immediate threat and likely to be sudden. **Fear factor: 7/10**
- **Nuclear war:** Growing with proliferation and probably more likely than world peace. **FF: 6/10**
- **Global warming:** Rising sea levels already threatening islands in the Pacific, but a slow burner. **FF: 4/10**
- **Disease pandemic:** Disease watchdogs say it could happen, but is unlikely to catch us by surprise. **FF: 2/10**
- **Sun burnout:** A sure thing, but will be in 4.5 billion years' time. **FF: 0/10**



► This Mayan manuscript suggests an end to a calendar cycle.

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Jose Natividad Ic Xec, a native Mayan living in Merida, the capital of Yucatan in Mexico where the Mayan civilization once thrived, has dedicated his life to promote his culture and tradition. Xec explains what the doomsday prophecy really means for his compatriots.

What does Dec. 21 mean to the Mayan people?

For Mayans living in Yucatan, this date means nothing. Like anyone else, we spend that day thinking about what we are going to eat, about our jobs or how the next few months will be for us. This date was only conceived as a stage in a calendar marking the end of 13 baktuns [a baktun is a period of 394 years, or 144,000 days]. And so, it's just the end of an era in a calendar.

The end-of-the-world prophecy is all fantasy?

People speak of a revolution in human consciousness, a new light that will shine upon the world. Believers talk of some kind of transformation and will gather at the Mayan pyramids to perform some kind of ritual. But all of this is not attributed to the Maya, we really don't care about it — on the contrary, it makes us laugh. Our people know little about the ancient Mayan Long Count calendar. The only thing we know is that the date Dec. 22 marks an end in

JOSE NATIVIDAD IC XEC

► Native Mayan Jose Natividad Ic Xec says the doomsday prediction has nothing to do with the end of the world



► On Dec. 21 and 22, Mayans intend to carry out their day as usual.

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"Dec. 21 makes Mayans laugh."

IC XEC

the calendar, but people are using the date Dec. 21 because it is the solstice and thus a more memorable date.

Then why is the date such a big deal?

Experts claim that the 13th baktun is a good opportunity for people to make a profit out of those who be-

lieve. And if those faithful genuinely believe in it, they would be frightened; they would look for a bunker or think about a plan of survival. So this end of the world talk is only a bit of fun.

You use social networks to promote your culture. How popular is Chilam Balam

[Xec's blog based on the Mayan historical document allegedly containing prophecies]?

It's a concept that I started two years ago, first on Twitter and Facebook, then on a blog. On my website, I publish stories on Mayan culture and its characteristics.

Do you have any plans to mark the Mayan event?

Yes, on Dec. 21 and 22, I will be doing live broadcasts from [ancient Mayan civilization site] Chichen Itza.

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METRO WORLD NEWS

Party like a Mayan

About 500 Mayan-themed events will have taken place by the end of the year to celebrate Mexico's native culture.

► **Festival Mundo Maya:** A folk festival that celebrates Mayan traditions in the Mexican city of Campeche until Dec. 30.

► **The End of the Long Count Mayan Calendar:** The 365-step pyramid of Chichen Itza will host a ceremonial event on Dec. 21.

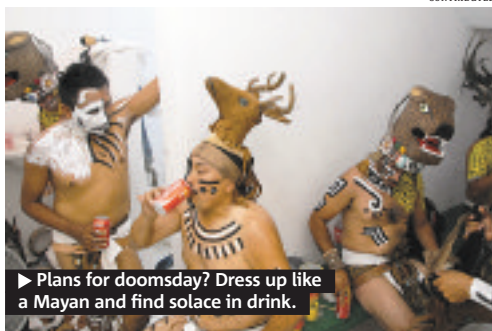
► **Visit here: The Gran Museo del Mundo Maya:** Located in Yucatan's capital, the museum holds precious Mayan artifacts.

Booming doomsday industry exploits anxiety — and can be very dangerous

Have you done your apocalypse shopping yet? You could drop \$30,000 on a space in a luxury underground bunker, or a cheaper "survival kit" that can help you eat grass. Apocalypse literature is a booming industry, with sales from the "Left Behind" book series worth almost \$1 billion.

Many experts trace the birth of the apocalypse industry to the Millerite movement, when preacher William Miller launched a well-funded campaign with its own newspaper to promote his vision of doomsday in the 1840s.

"Systematic commercialization first arose from fear of nuclear war in the 1960s with companies



► Plans for doomsday? Dress up like a Mayan and find solace in drink.

building bomb shelters," says Lorne Dawson, sociologist and author of "Prophetic Failure and Millennial Movements." "That showed the business opportunity, and it continued with the survivalist movement of the 1970s and the growing fear of an

eco-catastrophe."

The years 2000 and 2012 have increased the focus on doomsday, and Dawson believes it taps into a basic human desire. "Simple psychology shows that people need to believe they do not live in chaos, that there is a high-

er purpose."

Apocalypse preaching has engendered a backlash following tragic cases such as the death of British teenager Isabel Taylor, who committed suicide in 2011 partly through fear of the end. "It's an industry that exploits anxiety and can be dangerous," says Bill Hudson, astronomer and editor of the 2012hoax.org blog.

Even if 2012 passes without incident, do not expect the industry to stop. "Even when a theory is debunked, a core group tends to become even more fervent," says Hudson. "True believers are locked in. You can't reason someone out of a position they didn't reason themselves into."

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Prophecy injecting billions of dollars into Mexican economy

The Mayan prophecy will have attracted more than \$15 billion in tourist revenue by the end of 2012, as millions flock to the country to discover its indigenous civilization.

Mexico's Ministry of Tourism predicts 52 million visitors will have come to Mexico by the end of 2012, many of whom will have visited the Mundo Maya (Quintana Roo, Yucatan and Campeche states).

"Today we are the 10th power for tourism in the world, and we are working hard to be in the Top 5," outgoing president Felipe Calderon said.

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2012 CELEBRITY BUCKET LISTS

► What's your list of things to do before the world ends?

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1 Jake Abel 'The Host'

If I knew the world was going to end, I would skydive — which is something that normal people do, but it would take the end of the Earth for me. But without a parachute. I would just jump out of an airplane.



6 Michael Sheen 'The Twilight Saga'

I was actually thinking of ending the world tonight, at the "Twilight" premiere. When the film finishes, my curtain call is to suddenly reveal myself as the god Quetzalcoatl and bring it all to an end.



2 Kiernan Shipka 'Mad Men'

I don't think the world's going to end — but if it really was going to, I'd probably want to skydive.



7 Billy Burke 'Revolution'

No, I don't have one. I wish all the doomsday-ers well. I think they're all going to be fine on Dec. 21. But if I'm wrong, then I'll see you on the other side.



3 Chris Colfer 'Glee'

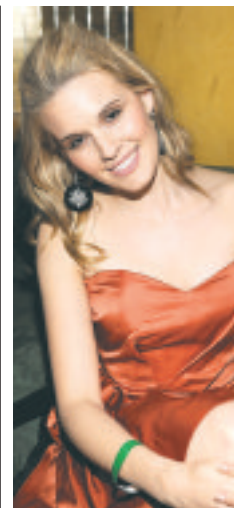
You know, I've always had a really, really detailed bucket list, and I'd say I'm only about 1/90th of the way there, so I really hope the Mayans aren't right because I have a lot of stuff I want to do, and I'm going to be really, really pissed if it all ends and I'm not able to. If I had a month left, I'd probably just go on a very expensive vacation.



8 Teresa Palmer 'Warm Bodies'

Oh gosh, end of the world bucket list? Yeah, I would've liked to have had a baby before the end of the world, but there's not really time for that. I'm not sure

what I'm going to do. I want to jump out of a plane, for sure. I would just eat so much food, 24-7, just eat and eat and eat. Travel around the world, eating from all different cultures. That'd be amazing.



4 Maggie Grace 'Taken 2'

Honestly, one of my sort of bucket list items I just ticked off. I did a Broadway play for the first time. It was terrifying. But it's something I've wanted to do since I was 11 years old. So I at least checked one off.

9 Max Burkholder 'Parenthood'

Skydive, scuba dive ... everything dive. Just a bunch of stuff like that, just the craziest things you can do.



5 Kellan Lutz 'The Twilight Saga'

No, I don't [have one], because I don't believe the world's going to come to an end. God never gave a date, so I don't believe it's going to happen. So there's no need for me to make a plan B with all that. I'm just living my life every day to the fullest, enjoying life and taking advantage of opportunities.



10 Joel McHale 'Community'

An end of the world bucket list? Yes. A really sturdy bucket.





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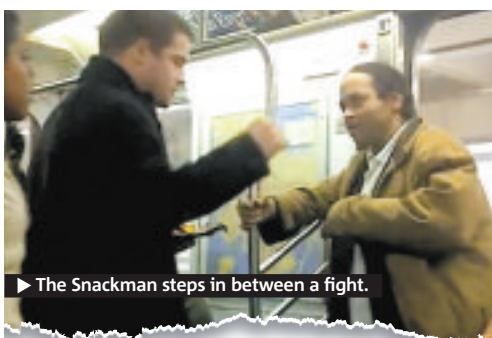
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► The P.S. 22 Chorus was invited to sing at the Oscars in 2012 and will go to Obama's inauguration in 2013.



► This photo of an officer helping went viral.



► The Snackman steps in between a fight.



► These two created Secret Sandy.

'Best of' series

All week, Metro has been highlighting selections of the city's best — from dining spots to nightlife destinations — of 2012. Today we honor the year's best, brightest New Yorkers.

Secret Sandy

When superstorm Sandy hit New York in late October, many people immediately sprung to the opportunity to donate supplies for victims. Joy Huang and Kimberley Berdy thought ahead to the holiday season and the number of children that had lost all their toys.

The two friends created Secret Sandy, a website that matches children who lost toys in the storm with a secret Santa.

The project has garnered national attention, even getting a tweet of support from Chelsea Clinton.

"Somebody is getting their Legos back," Huang said. "Somebody is getting



► Nurses evacuated patients during the hurricane.

their scooter back."

Huang said she hopes to continue the project after the holiday season by collecting supplies for schools that were damaged by Sandy.

P.S. 22 Chorus

The chorus for Public School 22 in Staten Island won the hearts of many with YouTube videos of fifth graders belting out songs such as "Viva la

Vida" by Coldplay and Adele's "Rolling in the Deep."

The school's music teacher, Gregg Breinberg, created the chorus in 2000. Since then, the elementary school students have gone on to appear on "Good Morning America," sing with Katy Perry and take the stage at the 83rd Annual Academy Awards.

Now they've been invited to the biggest stage of all: the presidential inau-

guration in January. The children need to raise money to fund the trip. To help send these kids to Washington, visit www.fundforpublicschool.org/support-ps22-chorus.

Nurses who helped evacuate NYU Langone Medical Center

The night of superstorm Sandy, most of Lower Manhattan lost power. To

make the ordeal worse, backup generators at NYU Langone Medical Center failed. That's when nurses successfully transported 20 babies, some born just hours before, down nine flights of stairs in the dark, while monitoring them and manually pumping them with air. At least six workers were needed to take each infant out of the hospital.

In addition to the babies, approximately 300 other patients were evacuated from the hospital.

NYPD Officer Larry DePrimo

Officer Larry DePrimo's act of kindness went beyond the call of duty.

In late November, a photo of DePrimo offering boots and socks to a homeless man in Midtown Manhattan went viral. Jennifer Foster, a tourist visiting New York City from Arizona, snapped the image.

The photo was posted on the department's Facebook page and received hundreds of thousands of "likes."

"Right when I was about to approach, one of your officers came up behind him," Foster told cops. "The officer said, 'I have these size 12 boots for you, they are all-weather. Let me put them on and take care of you.'"

Charles Sonder, aka 'Snackman'

There are ordinary New Yorkers doing extraordinary things every day. One story that caught the attention of many was that of Charles Sonder, better known as "Snackman."

Sonder was caught on video breaking up a fight on the subway, while snacking on Pringles chips and Gummi-Bears.

The video, which was posted to YouTube on April 2, shows fists and kicks flying and Sonder stepping in to save the day. His nonchalant demeanor and how he never put down the chips awarded Sonder superhero status.



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► Volunteers distributed food in the Rockaways.



Donating time

Winner: New Yorkers

This year, the Local Hero winner is all of the New Yorkers who helped their fellow city residents after Hurricane Sandy. From emergency responders to people carrying water up flights of stairs for stranded elderly people, many stepped up to help after Sandy slammed into the city. The resilience of the city shined bright when people came together to help one another in every way possible. New Yorkers raised money and donated food, clothes and other supplies. They opened up their homes to host those without power. Those lucky enough to have power — both businesses and individuals — set up outlets for people to charge their electronic devices. In a time of need, New Yorkers really stepped up to help their neighbors and set a great example for the world.



► A sign points to where help is needed.



► New Yorkers donated time and services around the five boroughs.



► A man helps distribute lunch in the Rockaways.

WEEKEND

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Firing back

How do you respond to critics who say your movies are too long?

"There's only so much you can do in 90 minutes. And I don't know why people are in such a rush to get home. It's so expensive to go to the movies, it's such a pain in the ass to get out of the house. You have to give people a reason to not just watch Netflix all day long. Everybody's attention spans are getting shorter because they want to watch the 'Gangnam Style' video 150 times, and then movies have now become the length of funny YouTube videos."

APATOW



► Maude and Iris Apatow (daughters of director Judd Apatow) star in "This is 40" alongside Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann, Apatow's wife and his children's mother.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

► Judd Apatow talks about directing his wife and kids and the spin-off factor in 'This is 40' ► 'This is our "Frasier" to "Cheers,"' he says

"This is 40" marks the third time Judd Apatow has directed his wife, Leslie Mann, and their two daughters, Maude and Iris, following "Knocked Up" and "Funny People." But with the girls getting older, the writer-director is giving them more to do on-screen — something he admits can backfire while filming. We sat down with Apatow to discuss the family working dynamic, plus the absence of "Knocked Up" star Katherine Heigl and criticisms that his comedies shouldn't be breaking the two-hour mark in length.

When you're directing your own children, is there a sort of loophole around the usual Hollywood laws for child labor?

There isn't, really. In fact, it works the other way be-

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"They had a really good time making the movie. They're proud of it. They're having their first real experience of what it's like putting a movie out into the world that they're proud of."

APATOW, ON HIS DAUGHTERS

cause I look like a jerk in front of the crew if I do anything that seems like pushing with my kids. I have to be very polite — a kiss-ass, really — so there isn't a revolt on the set. I was always afraid that they would just get bored or tired and want to go home, and I would be stuck in this position of saying, "You're not allowed to go home, you're at work." So I worked very hard to make it fun for them so they wanted to stay on the set. And they did. In real life at that time they had a lot of sibling rivalry, and as a result of having to play out all these scenes together where they fight really hard I think they've seen it from another angle — and ever since we shot the movie, they've gotten along really well.

Are they at all worried that

they'll be the subject of more of your movies?

They're at that age where every six months they're completely different people, so there's not that much long-range thinking going on. They had a really good time making the movie. They're proud of it. They're having their first real experience of what it's like putting a movie out into the world that they're proud of, but they don't have any plans about acting. They have enough trouble with math and biology.

This is billed as "a sort of sequel to 'Knocked Up,'" but it's more of a spin-off, isn't it?

Yes, this is our "Frasier" to "Cheers."

Was there any effort to get Katherine Heigl involved for at least a cameo?

I just thought honestly

about where everybody would be five years later. It would make sense to me that [Heigl's character] Allison got a job somewhere else working at a TV station. They're probably in Atlanta or something like that, Seth and Katherine. I didn't want to bring a lot of people back because I wanted this to be its own world. I said to Katherine, you know, "Look, Seth said he would be happy to do something in the movie," but I felt like this is its own story — and if I had to force them into it, it would just be a sign that this story wasn't working. It's like, "Frasier" doesn't need Sam Malone to do a cameo every week for it to work.



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► Leslie Mann, Paul Rudd and Melissa McCarthy star in "This Is 40."

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'This Is 40'

Director: Judd Apatow
Cast: Paul Rudd, Leslie Mann, John Lithgow, Megan Fox, Albert Brooks
Rating: R
Grade: **00000**

Judd Apatow has built a career on characters enduring a quest for maturity. And it seems with his most recent features, the director himself has been on that same journey. But in chasing a superlative like "his most mature work to date," which some critics will no doubt be fooled into praising this film as, the director demonstrates that he still doesn't really understand what being a grown-up is all about.

What's good about Apatow is his sense of balance, portraying characters dealing with real life issues, who are able to still have humor in their lives. With "This Is 40" there are hearty helpings of humor, but the cutting sense of "realism" Apatow tries to achieve is hardly realistic.

Simply put, Judd Apatow's sense of reality is very different from that of most of the people who will be watching this film.

The main characters of "This Is 40," Pete and Debbie, were introduced to audiences as supporting roles in "Knocked Up," who in their brief screen time had a relatable affability about them. But when we are given more than a glimpse into their

lives here, there isn't much more to them. Pete (Paul Rudd) runs a floundering indie record label and Debbie (Leslie Mann) runs a boutique. On the eve of their 40th birthdays they are in the midst of financial crises and early midlife crises (Debbie pretends she's only turning 38). These difficulties are putting strains on their marriage. This sounds like some heavy stuff, and it is, but it's hard to feel bad for these characters when they're driving around in BMWs that they don't even consider selling. The actors are fine, but as characters Pete and Debbie don't earn the happy ending that inexplicably wraps everything up.



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'Reacher' feature a solid effort

'Jack Reacher'

Director: Christopher McQuarrie
Cast: Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike, Werner Herzog
Rating: PG-13
Grade: **00000**
Tom Cruise channels the macho swagger of John Wayne and Robert Mitchum in this refreshingly unpretentious, old-fashioned and highly entertaining mystery thriller.



► Tom Cruise evokes a modern John Wayne in "Jack Reacher."

Cruise plays the titular rogue, an ex-military cop who is called in to aid defense lawyer Rosalind Pike in profiling another soldier who has cold-bloodedly murdered five civilians. Of course there's more to the serpentine case than meets the eye.

Often very funny and laid back in its storytelling, "Jack Reacher" gets an extra star for casting cult German director Werner Herzog as a reptilian psychopath, complete with missing fingers and a cataract eye.

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Under siege in the Middle East

► Jessica Chastain recalls the experience of shooting her new action thriller 'Zero Dark Thirty' ► 'I felt invisible as a woman,' she says

Don't let her impressive work in "Zero Dark Thirty" fool you. Golden Globe-nominated actress Jessica Chastain would make a horrible CIA agent. It's something she learned not while filming the real-life drama about the hunt for Osama bin Laden, but when the film became one of the most scrutinized projects in recent history — even before a frame had been shot. It got so bad that all cast members would tell the press that director Kathryn Bigelow had made them sign confidentiality agreements.

"I am the worst at keeping secrets. I'm the kind of person who, the second that I buy someone a Christmas present, I tell them what I bought

them," Chastain explains. Luckily, there were those confidentiality agreements. "When I was cast in this, I was so excited about this character of Maya. I found her to be really inspiring and the script was incredible, it was so eye-opening. But I had to keep it a secret," she says. "There was a lot of press coming out and people were speculating that I was [playing] a Navy SEAL wife and all this stuff, and I had to just really hold my tongue for a year. So I'm very excited that people are now seeing the film and they're realizing it's not a propaganda film and it doesn't have an agenda. It just tries to show this moment in history as accurately as possible."

One obstacle in tackling the role of Maya was that, while she's based on a real person, there was no way Chastain could actually meet her. So she took a different approach to her research. "I had three months before we started shooting that I went to school for it, I guess. I nicknamed [screenwriter] Mark [Boal] 'The Professor.' And I would sit with him and go through the screenplay and ask a lot of questions about the character I was playing, about the CIA," she says. "I had to use my imagination to fill in the blanks where the research couldn't answer the questions."



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► Jessica Chastain stars as an undercover government agent in "Zero Dark Thirty," in theaters now.

In character

Key to tapping into her character was Chastain's experience in the Middle East. She remembers visiting a restaurant with co-star Jason Clarke and some male colleagues that gave her insight to the right mind-set of an out-of-place westerner.

► "We went to a hotel restaurant in Oman, which is a pretty liberal city, I think. The waiter wouldn't give me a menu. He gave the men menus at my table. So Jason ordered for me that day," she says. "For me it's difficult being in that kind of a situation. I felt invisible as a woman. I don't like that. Any time anything like that happened, it was just another log to the Maya fire of her feeling invisible."

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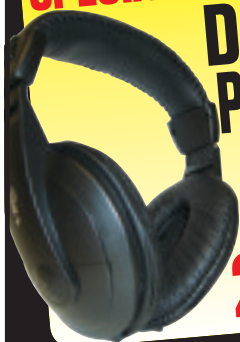
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'Christmas in Washington'

SPECIAL. Conan O'Brien hosts this holiday special from the nation's capital. The first family will be in attendance, and so will PSY, Diana Ross and Demi Lovato, who perform. Friday, 8 p.m., TNT

'Oddities: Christmas Special'

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days a little differently than most — as evidenced by their creepy Secret Santa suggestions to clients. Saturday, 9 p.m., Science Channel

'The Next Iron Chef: Redemption'

REALITY. The final, single-ingredient challenge is holiday-themed. For the chefs' sake, hopefully the secret ingredient isn't candy canes. Season finale, Sunday, 9 p.m., Food Network **AMBER RAY**

Indie spotlight

'Amour'

This French drama — which was awarded the highest honor at the Cannes Film Festival, the Palme d'Or — explores the relationship of an elderly couple, Anne and Georges, whose love is tested when she suffers from a stroke that paralyzes one side of her body.

'The Impossible'

This drama starring Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor is based on the true story of a family who were separated during the 2004 tsunami in Thailand. The film follows their journey as they fight to survive and be reunited with one another.

'Not Fade Away'

"The Sopranos" creator David Chase directs this



► Ewan McGregor plays a man separated from his family as a result of the 2004 tsunami in "The Impossible."

feature that follows three best friends living in the suburbs of New Jersey in the '60s who decide to form a rock band after watching a Rolling Stones concert.

'On the Road'

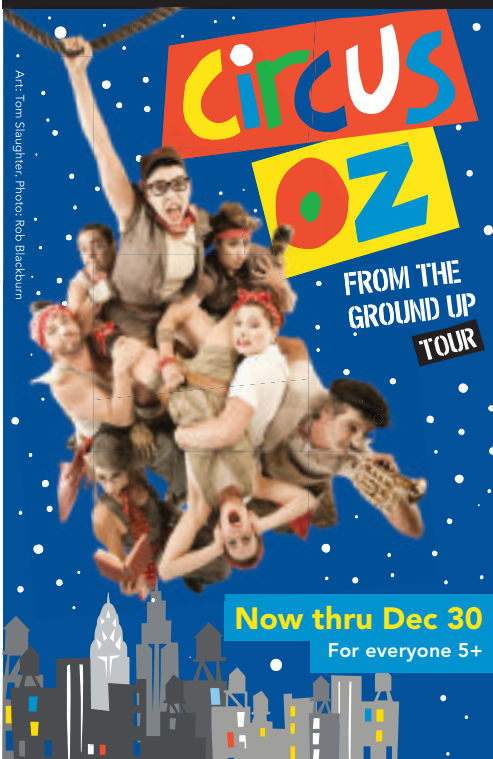
Based on the popular novel of the same name by Jack Kerouac, the story follows a young writer whose life is turned

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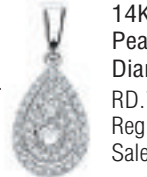
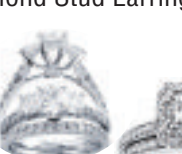
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There are pros and cons to wearing an elaborate furry green Grinch costume around town.

"When I walk down the street dressed this way, people are either delighted or they think I'm trying to get attention," says Jeff McCarthy, who plays the viridescent title character in "Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas."

Public appearances are part of the job, meaning McCarthy frequently has to don the complicated outfit, full makeup and all.

"When I put this costume on, it unleashes all sorts of primal things," says the performer. "I'm suddenly anonymous. But there's also something about this animal that I'm wearing that makes me



► This holiday season, give the Grinch another chance.

Quoted

"When I go out, children are scared to death of me at first."

JEFF MCCARTHY

fearless."

McCarthy has been in about 250 theater productions. He's played a fair share of villains, and he says he doesn't think the Grinch is a such a bad guy.

"He's just jealous of all the Whos enjoying each others' company and enjoying Christmas," explains McCarthy, who excuses the greedy Scrooge

for attempting to steal the holiday from Whoville. "I think he just needs a good hug."

And he does receive affection, eventually — in the musical and in real life.

"When I go out, children are scared to death of me at first," says McCarthy. "But within a few minutes usually they want to sit on my lap and hug me."

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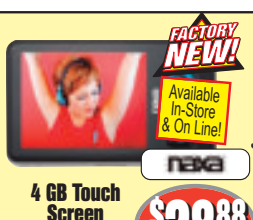
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The Trockadero's magnificent 17 male dancers bring us ballet the way Norma Desmond would have done it: big. Roberto Forleo plays Odette, in "Swan Lake," like a brat teenager peeved at her controlling father, and that's exactly right. Stocky vet Robert Carter sweetly paces "Laurencia," the newest work, a reconstruction of a 1939 Soviet ballet.

Relative newcomers to the 38-year-old troupe are two small guys, Cuban Carlos Caballero Hopuy and South African Boysie Dikobe, who give bravura performances (Hopuy as Siegfried partnering the dazzling Chase Johnsey's "Odile," and Dikobe in everything but especially a duet with Hopuy in "Laurencia").

The Trocks made their name as a travesty compa-



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ny, with men playing all the roles, but an unsung strength is their diversity, providing an artistic home to dancers of many colors and body types. Male musculature gives them confidence on pointe and powerful leaps. They're also fine actors, playing subtext as well as broad comedy.

Johnsey, who steals the show in the "Black Swan" pas de deux, is as beautiful as Natalie Portman, utterly focused in her efforts to seduce the tiny Hopuy.

The ensemble may be a haven for out gay men (in charge is funny and smart Tory Dobrin), but they're also closet ballet historians, full of respect for the art form's odd twists and turns. Their Balanchine parody, "Go for Barocco," made in 1974 by comic ballet master Peter Anastos, is adorned with little fillips of Paul Taylor. You come for the drag show, but you stay — and cheer — for the fabulous dancing.

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Fri and Sat 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40-12:50, RealD 3D: Sun 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40, RealD 3D:
LINCOLN (PG-13) 11:20, 1:10, 2:50, 4:40, 6:20, 8:10, 9:50, 11:40, Digital Presentation
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) Fri and Sat 10:00, 11:20, 12:40, 2:00, 3:20, 4:40, 6:00, 7:20, 8:40, 10:00, 11:20, 12:40, RealD 3D:
Sun 10:00-11:20-12:40-2:00-3:20-4:40-6:00-7:20-8:40-10:00-

11:20, RealD 3D
PLAYING FOR KEEPS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10, 12:55, Digital Presentation:
Sun 11:05-1:50-4:35-7:25-10:10, Digital Presentation
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:05, 11:15, 1:30, 2:40, 4:55, 6:05, 8:20, 9:30, 11:45, 12:55, Digital Presentation:
Sun 10:05-11:15-1:30-2:40-4:55-6:05-8:20-9:30-11:45, Digital Presentation
SKYFALL: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 12:20, 3:45, 7:10, 10:35, Digital Presentation:IMAX
TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 10:30, 1:05, 3:40, 6:15, 8:50, 11:25, Digital Presentation
A WEREWOLF BOY (NEUK-DAE-SO-NYEON) (NR) 10:55, 2:05, 5:10, 8:15, 11:30, Digital Presentation

AMC Loews Kips Bay 15

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Corner of 31st Street and 2nd Avenue
ANNA KARENINA (R) 2:20, 5:15, 9:20.C
INDEPENDENT: Digital Presentation
ARGO (R) 10:00, 12:45, 3:30, 6:20, 9:05, 11:50, Digital Presentation
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: WORLDS AWAY 3D (PG) Fri 12:00, 7:00, 3D: Digital Presentation:
Sat 12:00-7:05, 3D: Digital Presentation:
Sun 12:00-7:00, 3D: Digital Presentation
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) Fri 9:50, 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40, 12:00, Digital Presentation:
Sat 9:50-12:10-2:30-5:00-7:20-9:40-12:00, Digital Presentation
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 9:40, 1:20, 5:00, 8:35, 12:10, IMAX 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 11:10, 2:45, 6:30, 10:20, RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN HFR 3D (PG-13) 10:40, 2:15, 6:00, 9:50, HIGH FRAME RATE:RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 10:00, 1:45, 5:30, 9:05, Digital Presentation
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 11:10, 1:35, 2:10, 4:30, 5:10, 7:30, 8:10, 10:30, 11:20, Digital Presentation
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 10:20, 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10, RealD 3D
LINCOLN (PG-13) 10:00, 10:30, 1:10, 4:20, 7:40, 11:00, Digital Presentation
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) Fri 9:40, 12:05, 2:20, 4:45, 8:10, 10:30, RealD 3D:
Sat 9:40-12:00-2:20-4:45-8:10-10:30, RealD 3D:
Sun 9:40-12:05-2:20-4:45-8:10-10:30, RealD 3D
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 10:10, 12:55, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15, 12:00, Digital Presentation
SKYFALL (PG-13) 10:00, 1:10, 4:35, 7:45, 11:00, Digital Presentation
THIS IS 40 (R) 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15, Digital Presentation

Regal Union Square Stadium 14

800-326-3264 628
13th & Broadway
CLOUD ATLAS (R) 9:20
FLIGHT (R) 1:00, 4:25, 7:50, 10:55
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50, 12:20:
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Sun 12:10-1:10-3:20-4:20-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:30, 12:30
KILLING THEM SOFTLY (R) 4:35, 10:25
LIFE OF PI (PG) Fri 1:00, 7:00, 7:00, 10:00, 10:00
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:50
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SKYFALL (PG-13) 1:20, 4:40, 7:55, 11:05
THIS IS 40 (R) Fri and Sat 11:05, 12:50, 2:10, 4:00, 5:10, 7:10, 8:10, 10:10, 11:10, 12:45:
Sun 11:05-12:50-2:10-4:00-5:10-7:10-8:10-10:10-11:10

AMC Loews 34th Street 14

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312 W. 34th St.; between 8th and 9th Avenues
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: WORLDS AWAY 3D (PG) Sat 7:00, 3D: Digital Presentation
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) 9:50, 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10, 12:40, Digital Presentation
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE IN HFR (PG-13) 9:00, 12:45, 4:30, 8:15, 12:15, IMAX:RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 10:20, 11:00, 11:40, 2:10, 2:50, 3:30, 6:00, 6:40, 7:20, 9:50, 10:40, 11:20, RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 9:40, 1:30, 5:20, 9:10, 12:50, Digital Presentation
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 11:00, Digital Presentation
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 11:20, 2:20, 5:30, 8:30, 11:30, RealD 3D
LINCOLN (PG-13) 10:00, 1:20, 4:55, 8:20, 11:40, Digital Presentation
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SKYFALL (PG-13) 10:30, 1:40, 4:50, 8:00, 11:10, Digital Presentation
THIS IS 40 (R) 9:30, 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30, Digital Presentation
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) 11:10, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20, Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 11:30, 4:35, 9:40, Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH IN 3D (PG) 2:00, 7:10, 12:20, RealD 3D

AMC Loews Lincoln Square 13

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1998 Broadway
ARGO (R) 10:40, 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35, Digital Presentation
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 10:30, 2:15, 6:00, 9:40, 1:15, IMAX 3D:Reserved Seating
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN HFR 3D (PG-13) 12:15, 4:05, 8:00, HIGH FRAME RATE:RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11:20, 3:05, 7:00, 10:55, Digital Presentation
THE IMPOSSIBLE (PG-13) 10:35, 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:20.C
INDEPENDENT: Digital Presentation
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 9:45, 12:50, 4:00, 7:15, 10:25, Digital Presentation
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 9:50, 12:45, 3:45, 6:50, 9:55, RealD 3D
LINCOLN (PG-13) 11:40, 3:10, 6:45, 10:15, Digital Presentation
NOT FADE AWAY (R) 11:25, 2:10, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45.C
INDEPENDENT: Digital Presentation
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 10:05, 1:00, 3:55, 7:05, 10:05, Digital Presentation
THIS IS 40 (R) 10:00, 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40, 11:45, Digital Presentation
ZERO DARK THIRTY (R) 11:05, 12:00, 2:45, 3:35, 6:25, 7:10, 10:10, 10:45, Digital Presentation

Regal E-Walk 13

800-326-3264
247 W 42nd St @ 8th Ave - In Times Square
ARGO (R) 7:15, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 12:10, 4:10, 8:10, 12:00, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service:
11:10-3:10-7:10-10:55, HFR-RPX
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 1:10, 5:00, 9:00, 12:45, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 12:20, 1:20, 3:20, 4:20, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:40, 10:40, 11:40, 12:50, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
RED DAWN (PG-13) 10:05, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 12:40, 3:15, 5:50, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 11:05, 1:55, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30
THIS IS 40 (R) 11:00, 12:50, 1:50, 3:50, 4:50, 7:00, 8:00, 10:10, 11:10, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) 11:15, 2:05, 4:55, 7:50, 10:45, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 11:00, 1:45, 4:25, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
ZERO DARK THIRTY (R) Fri and Sat 11:05, 12:10, 2:40, 3:40, 6:20, 7:20, 10:00, 11:00, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service:
Sun 11:05-12:05-2:40-3:40-6:20-7:20-10:00-11:00, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

Regal Battery Park Stadium 11

800-326-3264 629
102 North End Avenue - Vesey & West Street
ARGO (R) 6:40, 9:30, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13) Fri 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:20, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service:
Sat and **Sun** 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
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JACK REACHER (PG-13) 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45, Digital Presentation
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 11:45, 6:30, RealD 3D
LINCOLN (PG-13) 11:30, 2:45, 6:30, 10:00, Digital Presentation
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45, RealD 3D
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 10:25, 3:15, 8:10, Digital Presentation
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS 3D (PG) 12:50, 5:40, 10:35, RealD 3D
SKYFALL (PG-13) 3:00, 9:15, Digital Presentation
THIS IS 40 (R) 10:30, 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 11:00, Digital Presentation
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) 1:45, Digital Presentation

1:45, 4:10, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
SKYFALL (PG-13) 12:20, 3:40, 7:20, 10:35, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THIS IS 40 (R) Fri and Sat 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 11:00, 12:10, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service:
Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-11:00, CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

Clearview's Chelsea

212-777-FILM
260 West 23rd Street at 8th Avenue; Between 7th & 8th Avenues
ANNA KARENINA (R) 10:15, 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15, Digital Projection
HITCHCOCK (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:40, 4:15, 9:50, 12:05, Digital Projection:
Sun 4:15-9:50, Digital Projection
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 10:40, 4:15, 9:50, 12:05, Digital Projection:
Sat and **Sun** 10:10-1:40-9:00
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:10, 5:15, Digital Projection:
11:15-3:00-6:45-10:30:
Sun 5:15, Digital Projection
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946) (PG) Sun 2:00
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 10:30, 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 10:50, CC-Closed Captions
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 1:00, 7:00, Sun 7:00
LINCOLN (PG-13) 10:45, 2:30, 6:00, 9:30
THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (R) Fri and Sat 12:00
THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: THE NUTCRACKER (NR) Sun 11:00
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15, 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00-11:00, Digital Projection
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:30, 3:45, 7:15, 10:45, Digital Projection:
Sun 7:15-10:45, Digital Projection

AMC Magic Johnson Harlem 9

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2309 Frederick Douglass Boulevard & 124th Street
FLIGHT (R) 10:35, 4:35, 7:40, 10:45, Digital Presentation
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 10:15, 2:00, 5:45, 9:30, RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11:15, 3:00, 6:45, 10:30, Digital Presentation
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45, Digital Presentation
LIFE OF PI 3D (PG) 11:45, 6:30, RealD 3D
LINCOLN (PG-13) 11:30, 2:45, 6:30, 10:00, Digital Presentation
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45, RealD 3D
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG) 10:25, 3:15, 8:10, Digital Presentation
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS 3D (PG) 12:50, 5:40, 10:35, RealD 3D
SKYFALL (PG-13) 3:00, 9:15, Digital Presentation
THIS IS 40 (R) 10:30, 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 11:00, Digital Presentation
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) 1:45, Digital Presentation

AMC Loews Orpheum 7

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3rd Avenue & 86th Street
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:30, 3:15, 7:00, 10:45, RealD 3D:
Sun 3:15-7:00-10:45, RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 10:45, 2:30, 6:15, 10:00, Digital Presentation
JACK REACHER (PG-13) 11:15,

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MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 10:35, 12:45, 3:00, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45, RealD 3D
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:50, 1:00, 4:30, 7:45, 10:55, Digital Presentation:
Sun 1:00-4:30-7:45-10:55, Digital Presentation
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AMC Loews Village 7

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66 Third Avenue at 11th Street
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: WORLDS AWAY 3D (PG) 12:00, 7:00, 3D: Digital Presentation
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN 3D (PG-13) 10:00, 1:45, 2:30, 5:45, 9:45, 10:30, RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY IN HFR 3D (PG-13) 12:15, 4:00, 8:00, HIGH FRAME RATE:RealD 3D
THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY (PG-13) 11:30, 3:15, 7:15, 10:50, Digital Presentation
ZERO DARK THIRTY (R) Fri and Sat 10:45, 11:45, 12:45, 2:45, 3:40, 4:30, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 10:45, 11:20, 12:00, Digital Presentation:
Sun 10:45-11:45-12:45-2:45-3:40-4:30-6:45-7:30-8:15-10:45-11:20-11:45, Digital Presentation

City Cinemas Village East Cinema

800-FAN-DANG 2708
181-189 Second Avenue
ARGO (R) 11:00, 12:00, 12:50, 1:40, 2:40, 3:30, 4:20, 5:20, 6:10, 7:00, 8:00, 8:50, 9:40, 10:40
THE MASTER (R) Fri and Sat 11:10, 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10:
Sun 1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10
MONSTERS, INC. (G) Fri and Sat 10:00, 1:15, 2:30, 5:45, 7:00, 10:15, 11:30, **Sun** 10:00-1:15-2:30-5:45-7:00-10:15
MONSTERS, INC. 3D (G) 11:00, 12:15, 3:30, 4:45, 8:00, 9:15
SEARCHING FOR SUGAR MAN (PG-13) 11:30, 1:35, 3:40, 5:45, 7:50, 9:55

Angelika Film Center New York

800-FAN-DANG
18 West Houston at Mercer Street
BARBARA (PG-13) 10:10, 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10, DLP: Digital Projection
HYDE PARK ON HUDSON (R) 10:00, 10:45, 12:15, 1:00, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 9:15
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) Fri and Sat 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 12:15, 1:45, 2:30, 2:45, 4:30, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:00, 10:35, 11:00, 12:00, 12:00-11:00-12:00-12:15-1:45-2:30-2:45-4:30-4:45-5:30-7:00-7:15-7:45-8:15-9:15-10:00-10:35

Lincoln Plaza Cinemas

212-757-2280
1886 Broadway
BARBARA (PG-13) 11:05, 1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:55, 10:00
A LATE QUARTET (R) 11:10, 3:25, 8:00, 10:05
LOVE (AMOUR) (PG-13) 11:00, 11:55, 1:30, 2:15, 4:05, 4:45, 6:40, 7:15, 9:15, 9:45
ON THE ROAD (R) 11:50, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
RUST & BONE (DE ROUILLE ET D'OS) (R) 11:35, 1:55, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
THE SESSIONS (R) 1:20, 6:00

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2310 Broadway



The feed ...

► We asked our readers for their thoughts on this year's weirdest celebrity hookups.

@JulesinPhilly

K-Stew & Rupert Sanders... oh no she didn't! ...oh yes I did.

@kn8

A 22-year-old millionaire country singer and the underage Kennedy grandchild who stole her heart.

@LaGalleria33

Mary Kate Olsen & Olivier Sarkozy

@therealjeremy_82

yeah. Katy Perry and Jon Maher. I don't get that one at all!

@mel_sterling717

taylor swift an connor kennedy! Dude was a junior in HS! Kinda gross on her part! Jus a lil! Lol

@cardiff_flyer

Chris Christie and Barack Obama; Taylor Swift and that Kennedy toddler, KStew and anyone willing to do her.

@ElodieNM

Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher- no need to divorce was pretty weird and sudden..

@JASquaredW

Simon Cowell and Carmen Electra is pretty bizarre

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THE WEIRDEST CELEB HOOKUPS OF 2012

Rosario Dawson and Danny Boyle

A 22-year age difference hasn't stopped director **Danny Boyle** and actress **Rosario Dawson** from "canoodling" all over London, per the brilliant and descriptive London press. The May/December romance apparently bloomed on the set of their new movie "Trance." Perhaps it was the Olympics' bizarre opening ceremony that took Dawson's heart?

Simon Cowell and Carmen Electra

The rumors are kind of true: "She's not my girlfriend," **Cowell**, 53, explained when he called in to "On Air with **Ryan Seacrest**" yesterday about the whispers of a possible romance. "We're people who date." How very "bro" of you, Simon.



Lavigne and Kroeger

Avril Lavigne and Chad Kroeger

To the surprise of most, the singers got engaged this year after quietly dating for six months, **Lavigne's** rep confirmed to People magazine. "A romantic relationship blossomed as they

spent time writing together," the rep says. This will be the Canadian singer's second marriage after splitting from Sum 41 frontman **Deryck Whibley** in 2009. **Kroeger** "makes her so happy," a source tells the magazine. "Both of their families could not be more excited."

Bobbi Kristina Brown and her 'adopted brother'

It was announced this year on the terrible reality show "The Houstons: On Our Own" that **Bobbi Kristina Brown** and **Nick Gordon**, who lived with **Whitney Houston** from the time he was 12, are indeed engaged. Gordon was never officially adopted by Houston and he isn't a blood relative of Bobbi Kristina, but the pseudo-siblings have referred to

each other as "brother" and "sister," which, you know, gives us the willies.

Taylor Swift and Connor Kennedy

Everyone seems to be aghast at this hookup (**Swift** was 22 at the time they were dating; **Kennedy** was 18), but no one says anything when a man is 22 years older than his girlfriend (see: Dawson and Boyle). Maybe your next song should be about double standards, Taylor.

Talking points

Depp digs the bisexual Heard

Newly single **Johnny Depp** is reportedly hung up on his "Rum Diary" co-star **Amber Heard**. The only problem is the feeling isn't exactly mutual, according to Radar Online. "Johnny and Amber have been having a lot of fun spending time with one another, but Amber keeps telling him she's not interested in being with him in a monogamous relationship," a source says. "She says she feels she's too young for him, but the main factor is Amber prefers dat-



Depp and Heard

ing women over men and has no interest in committing to a guy — even if he is Johnny Depp."

Danes welcomes baby Cyrus

"Homeland" star **Claire Danes** and husband **Hugh Dancy** welcomed their first child, a son, this week, her rep confirms to People magazine. **Cyrus Christopher Dancy** was born Monday "exactly at 3 p.m." Dancy reportedly told friends and family in an e-mail. "Mother and baby are well, healthy and happy."

Stewart and Pattinson host Christmas party



Danes

Kristen Stewart and **Robert Pattinson** are reportedly getting pretty domestic, even going so far as to host a small Christmas party for their friends, according to Hollywood Life. "Kristen and Rob had a small, intimate Christmas tree decorating party on Sunday. They have a gorgeous tree set up at Kristen's, where Rob pretty much lives now,"

a source says.

More financial problems for Lohan

Lindsay Lohan continues to face financial problems along with her legal troubles. Aside from owing more back taxes to the IRS and a little less than \$20,000 to a storage unit rental company, the troubled actress reportedly claims she wants to see a therapist but can't afford to. Well, her father, Michael Lohan, has quite the Christmas present for her — if she's willing to seek a specific kind of help. "The cost of rehab will be taken care of if she wants or agrees to go," Lohan tells Hollyscoop.



Men in hats

1: Ne-Yo, who usually dons a hat, performed at the Nobel Peace Prize Concert in a red fedora on Dec. 11 in Oslo, Norway.

2: Songwriter Alberta Cross sang at A Love Letter To NYC to Benefit Hurricane Sandy Relief at City Winery on Dec. 18 in New York.

3: Jason Mraz kept his ears (kind of) warm at the 2012 National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 6 in Washington, D.C.

4: Luke Treadaway didn't take off his hat at the after-party celebrating the 24 Hour Musicals Gala on Dec. 9 in London.

5: It's hard to spot Bruno Mars without a hat on. Here he is outside the BBC Maida Vale Studios on Dec. 6 in London.

6: Jackie Chan (and his non-hat-wearing panda friends) posed during a photo-call for the Russian premiere of "Armour of God 3" on Dec. 6 in Moscow.

7: Leonard Cohen performed at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 18 in New York City.

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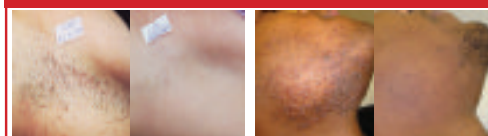
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What does it mean to have blended scotch?

A blended Scotch is a combination of single malt and single grain Scotch whiskies. I like to think of a single malt or single grain whisky as a solo instrument and the blend is the orchestra.

Why is there Scotch, Scotch whisky and then just whiskey?

Scotch is whisky made in Scotland. Not all whisky is Scotch! And Scotch whisky has no "e" in its name, like American or Irish whiskey.

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COOKIE TIME

Whether you're cutting out classic Christmas shapes or want to make batch for a birthday, this no-frills recipe is all you need

Weekend recipe

Unlike many sweets that go stale after a day, these baked cookies stay fresh up to four days in a sealed container, even with the icing, so they're ideal for shipping as a gift or serving on a cookie plate — and you can make them with basic pantry ingredients.

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt
- 14 tablespoons unsalted butter (1½ sticks), at room temperature
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- Royal Icing, for decorating (optional)

Directions

1. Whisk together the measured flour, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl to aerate and break up any lumps; set aside.

2. Place the butter in the



► If you want, make the dough ahead of time and keep it in the fridge, or freeze it until you're ready to use it.

bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment and mix on medium speed until creamy, about one minute. With the mixer running, gradually add the sugar and mix until the butter is lighter in color, about one minute total. Stop the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl and the paddle with a rubber spatula.

3. Whisk together the egg and vanilla in a small bowl. Return the mixer to medium speed, add the egg mixture and mix until incorporated, about 30 seconds. Stop the mixer and scrape down the

sides of the bowl and the paddle. Turn the mixer to low speed, gradually add the flour mixture and mix until just incorporated, about one minute total.

4. Scrape the dough onto a piece of plastic wrap and pat it into a 1-inch-thick disk. Wrap tightly and refrigerate until firm enough to roll, at least two hours.

5. When you're ready to bake the cookies, heat the oven to 375°F and arrange the racks to divide the oven into thirds. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside.

6. Flour a work surface and a rolling pin. Unwrap the dough and set the plastic wrap aside. Place the dough disk on the work surface and lightly dust both sides with flour. Roll out the dough to a ¾- to 1-inch thickness, frequently dusting the work surface and using an offset

or flat spatula to gently slide under and release any dough that sticks to the counter.

7. Make one final pass under the dough with the spatula, then use the desired cookie cutters to cut out the cookies (no need to flour the cookie cutters). Remove the dough scraps from around the cookies and set them aside. Using a flat spatula, transfer the cookies to the prepared baking sheets, leaving at least a half-inch of space between them. Form the scraps into a flat disk, wrap it in the reserved plastic and refrigerate.

8 Place both sheets in the oven and bake for five minutes. Rotate the baking sheets from front to back and top to bottom and bake until the edges of the cookies are just starting to brown, about five minutes.

9. Remove the baking sheets from the oven and let the cookies sit on the sheets for about one minute. Using the flat spatula, remove the cookies to a wire rack and let them cool completely. Let the baking sheets cool, reserving the parchment, then repeat rolling, cutting and baking the dough scraps. Decorate as desired.

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Horoscope

♈ **Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Instead of playing cat and mouse with someone whom you know likes you, come clean about how you feel. One way or another, it'll clear the air.

♐ **Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Take the initiative to investigate a matter that has aroused your suspicions. Once you do, you'll be able to confirm your thinking as fact or fiction.

♒ **Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Try to keep in touch with persons who are vital to your plans. Instead of making them feel that you're peeking over their shoulders, it'll give them incentive to help you out.

♓ **Pisces Feb. 20-March 20.** Conditions continue to look

favorable for you where money is concerned. In case you don't know it, you're on a profitable roll and you should keep doing what you've been doing.

♈ **Aries March 21-April 19.** Your approach to life is likely to be fresh and quite different, stimulating your mind and leading to some very unique ideas. A few might even open up some doors for you.

♉ **Taurus April 20-May 20.** Do more listening than talking if you find yourself in the company of someone you deem to be shrewd and worldly. You may learn something that you can use to your advantage.

♊ **Gemini May 21-June 20.** A situation might arise that could offer you a chance to get better acquainted with someone you've been avoiding. Your hostile opinion of

him or her could be reversed.

♋ **Cancer June 21-July 22.** Although you might hold a slight edge in a situation where you're competing against another, it's not so large that you can afford to be overconfident. Tread slowly and softly.

♌ **Leo July 23-Aug. 22.** Get involved with people who take life philosophically and look at it in a fun light. You're not likely to be very comfortable around those who take themselves too seriously.

♍ **Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** A significant profit can be derived from an unusual investment or from something you're selling. In either case, you should come out well.

♎ **Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Someone close to you may need an assessment of a situation in which she or he is involved. If

you believe you can help in any way, offer some advice — even if it's unsolicited.

♏ **Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** As long as you don't get greedy, things should work out rather well in your financial affairs. Don't put a damper on your dealings by demanding too much.

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Solution to yesterday's crossword



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1 Tic — -toe
4 Sheikh's bevy
9 Oater actor Tim —
13 A Gabor sister
14 Deep black
15 Broadcast again
16 Occasion to kiss
18 Survey course
19 Appeal earnestly
20 Twisted
22 Young frog
25 Window frame
26 Type of jacket
28 Forward letters
32 Clergy mem.
35 Touch base (2 wds.)
37 Luxury fur
38 Mix
40 Law breaker
42 Microwave
43 Nosegay holders
45 Fakes out, on the rink
47 Disapproving cluck
48 Set down
50 Lots and lots
52 Spring
54 It falls in folds
58 Write to a spy
62 DeeJay's medium
63 Fess Parker played him
64 Reindeer herder? (2 wds.)
67 Made cookies
68 Innsbruck locale
69 Amigo of Fidel
70 Outbuilding
71 Wrinkled
72 Koppel or Knight

Down

1 Entice
2 Town in Spain
3 Looked the joint over
4 Lasted (2 wds.)
5 Civil War prez
6 Decompose
7 Sufficient, in verse
8 Fort —, Fla.
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12 Marched along
15 Obeys the dentist
17 Phone bugs
21 Flair for music
23 Lettuce piece
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29 Lean against
30 Varieties

31 Onionlike vegetable
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Letters to the editor

Those who forget history are doomed to be called on it

RE: "FOUNDING FATHERS WANTED ARMED, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS" (METRO, DEC. 20) Letter writer Stephan Dejean is mistaken on several counts in his reply to Larry Fowler's letter. There were indeed 40 signers. Delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed before submitting it for ratification. Also, he incorrectly describes it as being ratified by the legislatures of "the 13 colonies." The Constitution was signed more than 11 years after the colonies had declared themselves to be colonies no more. And as the Constitution itself states, it was ratified by conventions and not legislatures. Finally, the Militia Act of 1792 only required eligible men to own a musket, not a rifle.

DAN WYLIE-SEARS,
VIA E-MAIL

Stephen Dejean misunderstands the reason why the Founding Fathers envisioned "every American to be armed," and the reason why the law required every able-bodied adult male to purchase and keep a firearm. In the days before large-

standing armies and police forces, it was the individual citizen, who was part of a well-trained, well-disciplined and well-regulated militia, who was responsible for national defense. Now that we have large-standing armed forces, a National Guard to replace the old militias and police forces at all levels of government, the original intention is now essentially meaningless. Sure — let's debate the degree to which firearms ownership should be permitted, but rationale of 200 years ago has long since lost its validity. **JONATHAN T. MELICK, VIA E-MAIL**

Our phones are more regulated than our guns

RE: "VOTE OUT ANYONE IN BED WITH NRA" (METRO, DEC. 20) The Second Amendment in its entirety reads: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." The NRA has shown itself to have no use for the "well-regulated" part. Regulation of cell phone bandwidth, nuclear waste storage and aircraft aren't in the Constitution — but we need them and we have them. Same goes for firearms. Nancy Lanza's death is proof enough that having guns around does not make you safe.

PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL

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McElroy start no longer a dream

When Greg McElroy was growing up in Southlake, Texas, he remembers putting on his Troy Aikman Cowboys jersey and pretending to be an NFL quarterback.

It will no longer be make-believe for McElroy this Sunday against the

Chargers.

"I'm going to be the starter, and I'm very, very fortunate and thankful for the opportunity. I'm not concerned about next week against Buffalo; I'm not concerned about next year," McElroy said. "I'm not concerned about those



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Jets vs. Chargers
1 p.m., CBS

things. Live in the moment — that's what my dad said when I talked to him, 'Live in the moment and enjoy this. You've been dreaming

about this your whole life."

"I want to see what Greg can do, there's no doubt. We all know the intangibles he has," head coach Rex Ryan said. "He's a winner. He's a winner his whole life."

● KRISTIAN DYER

Three things to watch ...

1 Flown the coop — The Ravens fired offensive coordinator Cam Cameron two weeks ago and turned over the reins to Jim Caldwell, who had never called plays. It showed, as he didn't feature Ray Rice in a blowout loss to Denver.

2 Happy returns — The Ravens have arguably the most dangerous kickoff return man in the league in Jacoby Jones. He leads the NFL in average yards per kickoff return (32.5) and has two return scores.

3 Pressure time — Can the Giants' struggling pass rush get to the ungainly Joe Flacco? It'll be up to the front four to apply the pressure, so they can drop seven men in coverage. ● METRO/TW

Time to 'Mann' up

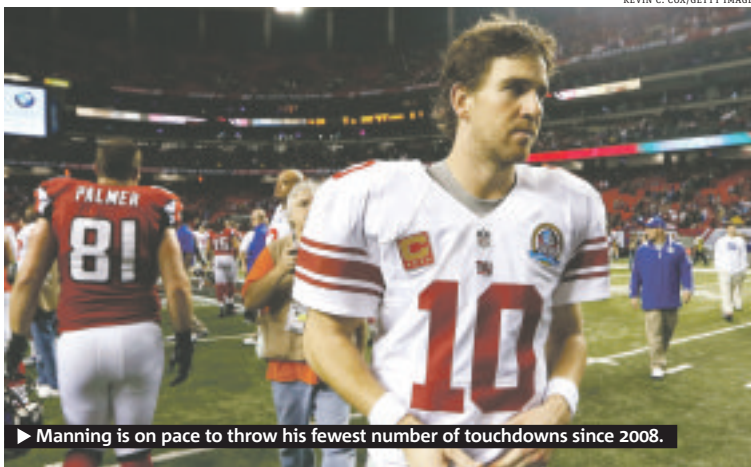
► Eli under pressure to step up in crucial game to make playoffs
► Tied atop East, control destiny in wild card ► 'Hope the best'

When the Giants and Ravens meet this Sunday, the game will feature two quarterbacks who have made headlines in the past two seasons for calling themselves elite.

Unfortunately for both Eli Manning and Joe Flacco, neither has played that way this year. Manning, though, has owned up to his bad performances and, as always, remained even-keeled.

"Whether you've played your best game or your worst game, each week you go in confident," Manning said. "You know you have the ability and you know you can make plays. Even from last week, you can draw from the good plays, [and] you can draw on the good drives that you had. We didn't make the big plays in the game, [but] this week, hopefully it's different."

The Giants (8-6) need Manning to make those



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► Manning is on pace to throw his fewest number of touchdowns since 2008.

ON TV SUNDAY

Giants at Ravens
4:25 p.m., FOX

plays to keep their playoff hopes alive. New York is currently in a three-way tie for first place in the NFC East with the Redskins and

Cowboys, although Washington is technically in first place since they own the best record in the division.

Optimistic Giants fans can take solace in knowing all isn't lost, because Big Blue is actually one game better than they were last

season after 14 games.

"Everybody's got to play well and do their job," Manning said. "And you just hope the best comes out and the team understands the circumstances."

● TONY WILLIAMS
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In the news



Rex on future

Jets head coach Rex Ryan was again answering questions about the future of his two quarterbacks on Thursday.

Reports surfaced on Wednesday that the Jets were looking to trade Mark Sanchez after the season.

"That didn't come from me or anything else," Ryan said. "Whatever the decision will be will be handled then. It's not something I'm concerned with right now. ... That's news to me." ● METRO

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